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# S. RES. 160

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the October 21, 1993,  
attempted coup d'etat in Burundi, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 2, 1993

Mr. DURENBERGER (for himself, Mr. SIMON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. FEINGOLD,  
Mrs. KASSEBAUM, and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

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21, 1993, attempted coup d'etat in Burundi, and for  
other purposes.

Whereas Burundi has a long history of military rule and ethnic  
conflict between the majority Hutu and the minority  
Tutsi;

Whereas on March 9, 1992, the people of Burundi adopted  
a democratic constitution, leading to Burundi's first  
multiparty elections on June 1, 1993, through which  
Melchoir Ndadaye was overwhelmingly elected president  
in a free and fair election;

Whereas President Ndadaye had shown his commitment to  
ethnic reconciliation and democracy by appointing members  
of the opposition to key government posts;

Whereas recent years have also witnessed a period of ethnic reconciliation in Burundi, in large part because of policies implemented by former President Buyoya;

Whereas on October 21, 1993, President Ndadaye and other senior government officials were murdered by coup plotters; and

Whereas the attempted coup and murder of President Ndadaye sparked ethnically motivated attacks throughout the country, resulting in widespread deaths and approximately 500,000 refugees fleeing to neighboring Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zaire: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2           (1) strongly condemns the attempted coup  
3       d'état in Burundi and the murder of President  
4       Ndadaye;

5           (2) commends the people of Burundi for their  
6       commitment to democracy by adopting a constitu-  
7       tion and holding free and fair elections, and for their  
8       respect for the democratic process;

9           (3) urges the people of Burundi to help end  
10      ethnic strife that has caused untold suffering;

11          (4) encourages the people of Burundi to con-  
12      tinue their commitment to ethnic reconciliation and  
13      democracy;

14          (5) commends the Clinton administration for its  
15      prompt condemnation of the October 21, 1993, coup

1 in Burundi; and for the immediate suspension of for-  
2 eign assistance to Burundi;

3 (6) calls upon the Organization of African  
4 Unity (OAU) to bolster and support the continu-  
5 ation of democracy and the end of ethnic strife in  
6 Burundi; and

7 (7) calls upon the international community to  
8 assist the OAU in its efforts to strengthen democ-  
9 racy in Burundi and to address the humanitarian  
10 needs of Burundian refugees in Rwanda, Tanzania,  
11 and Zaire.